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SUBJECT: DUP FILES SUIT AGAINST KIM HYONGUK

REF: SEOUL 2869 (NOTAL) (DTG 080836Z APR 77)

SUMMARY: DUP FILES SUIT AGAINST KIM HYONGUK, APPARENTLY
MORE FOR SAKE OF PUBLICITY THAN JUSTICE. END SUMMARY.

1. ON AUGUST 31, SPLINTER OPPOSITION GROUP, DEMONCRATIC
UNIFICATION PARTY (DUP), FILED SUIT IN SEOUL DISTRICT
CRIMINAL COURT AGAINST FORMER KCIA DIRECTOR KIM HYONGUK
FOR DEFAMATION OF CHARACTER OF PRESIDENT OF DUP, YANG
ILTONG. SUIT, FILED IN NAME OF YI MYONGHWAN, CHAIRMAN
OF DUP'S COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS,
CALLS FOR THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF THE CASE AND PUNISH-
MENT OF KIM HYONGUK, RATHER THAN DEMANDING COMPENSA-
TION. AT ISSUE ARE KIM'S TESTIMONY JUNE 22 BEFORE
FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE, IN WHICH KIM CLAIMED YANG
COOPERATED IN THE 1973 KINDNAPPING OF KIM TAEJUNG, AND
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REPORTS OF THAT TESTIMONY IN JAPANESE AND LOCAL
KOREAN MASS MEDIA.

2. ACCORDING TO KOREAN LAW, THE TRIAL IN SUCH A
CASE MUST BEGIN WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF PAST PRECEDENTS (REFTEL)

AND THE NATURE OF THIS CASE, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE
SUIT WILL BE PRESSED TO A CONCLUSION. FOR ONE THING,
EXTENSIVE COOPERATION BY JAPANESE AND U.S. AUTHORI-
TIES WOULD BE REQUIRED. MORE IMPORTANT, THOUGH, IS
THAT THE WHOLE CASE STRIKES AT LEAST SOME KNOWLEDGE-
ABLE OBSERVERS AS MERELY ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO KEEP
BEFORE THE PUBLIC EYE THE NAME OF THE DUP. END
COMMENT.
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